



REVITALIZE. REIMAGINE. REINVEST.





Introduction

Parks and open space make Little Rock a great place to live, play, and raise families

- *War Memorial and Hindman Parks provide opportunities for residents to relax, enjoy games, exercise, and connect with friend and neighbors*
- *The following presentation highlights the work of the R3LR Task Force*
- *All designs are purely conceptual – visions to show what may be possible by investing in War Memorial and Hindman Parks*



R3LR Task Force

- *Developed ideas on how to repurpose, revitalize, and reimagine War Memorial and Hindman Park systems*
- *Formed three subcommittees that looked at development, communications, and planning and research*
- **Development** – *worked to identify public and private funding sources*
- **Communications** – *worked to develop communications to inform the general public, promote park usage, and gather feedback*
- **Planning and Research** – *looked at comparable parks throughout the nation and evaluated prior plans for the War Memorial area*



Recommendations

- *Reinvestment in War Memorial and Hindman Parks should aim to:*
 - **Connect and unify citizens** – public parks should allow all residents the opportunity to connect in meaningful ways
 - **Celebrate nature** – Hindman and War Memorial offer outlets to celebrate the natural beauty of our city
 - **Encourage play** – parks should create healthy places for children and adults to participate in play
 - **Improve health and health equity** – parks can help reduce city health disparities



War Memorial

- *War Memorial District extends from Pine Street to University Avenue and Markham Street to 12th Street*
- *A health and wellness corridor that could provide the following options:*
 - ***Repurposing of War Memorial Park golf course***
 - ***Revitalization of Little Rock Zoo***
 - ***Reinvigorate the greenspace of War Memorial through the incorporation of athletic fields for a variety of sports***
 - ***Redevelopment from UAMS***
- *Opportunity for potential partners – local businesses, organizations, associations, etc.*

War Memorial



ENTRANCE

CLUBHOUSE

OPEN LAWN
STAGE

PAVILIONS
PICNIC AREAS

OPEN SPACE

OPEN SPACE

POND

PLAYGROUND

PARKING



OPEN SPACE

PARKING

ENTRANCE

PARKING

OPEN SPACE

POND

DOG PARK

4- SMALL BALL FIELDS

PAVILIONS
PICNIC AREAS

BIKE PARK

OPEN SPACE

4- LARGE BALL FIELDS

ZOO PARKING

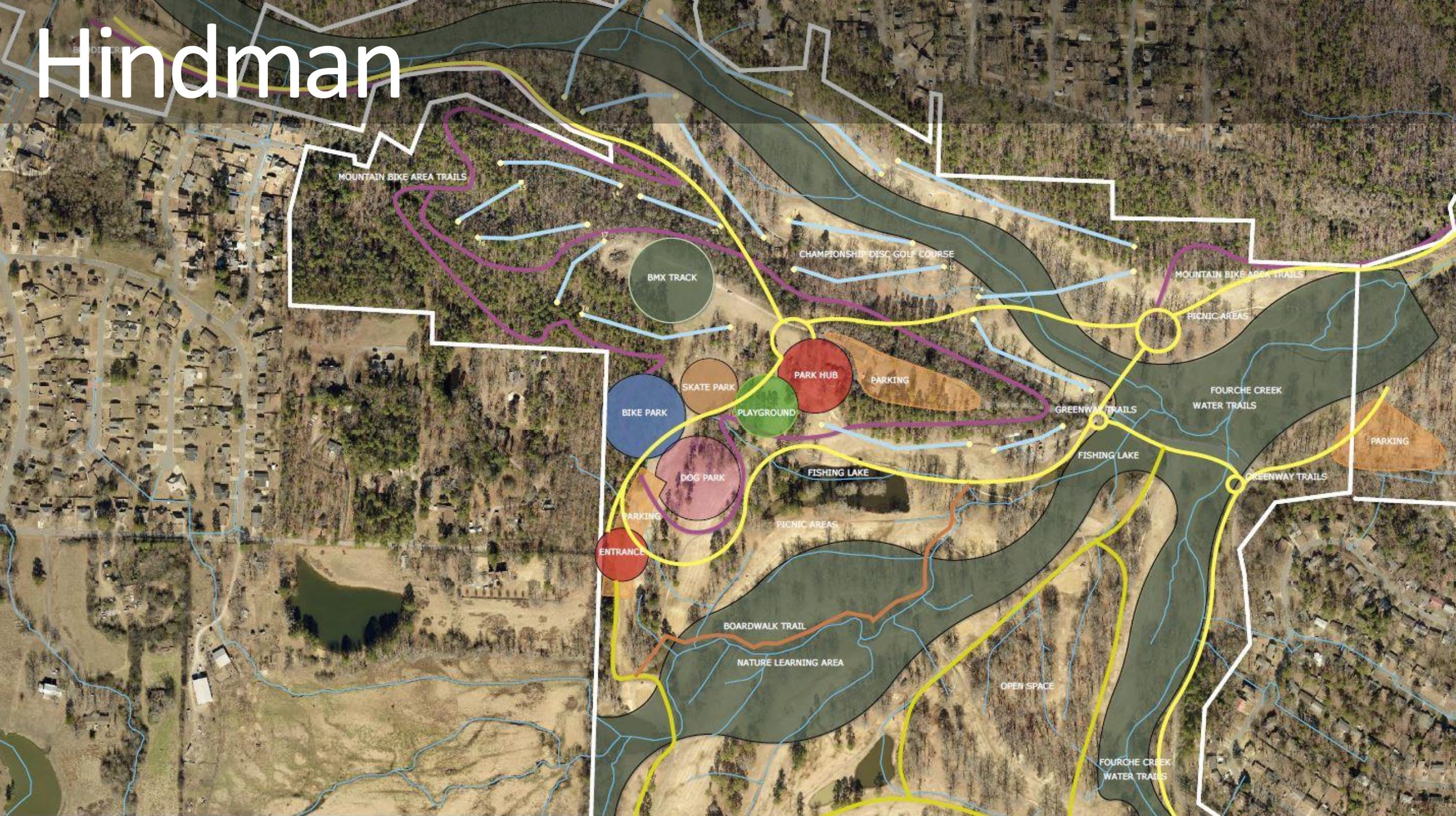
ZOO ENTRANCE

PARKING

Hindman

- *Hindman Adventure Park District which begins at 65th Street*
- *Nature corridor that looks for innovative ways to protect habitat and wildlife areas*
- *Opportunity for potential partners – local businesses, organizations, associations, etc.*
- *A potential adventure park could include:*
 - Open pavilions*
 - Small amphitheater and performing arts space*
 - Multipurpose lawn*
 - System of boardwalks*
 - Educational activities*
 - And more*

Hindman



MOUNTAIN BIKE AREA TRAILS

BMX TRACK

CHAMPIONSHIP DISC GOLF COURSE

MOUNTAIN BIKE AREA TRAILS

PICNIC AREAS

PARK HUB

PARKING

BIKE PARK

SKATE PARK

PLAYGROUND

GREENWAY TRAILS

FOURCHE CREEK WATER TRAILS

DOG PARK

FISHING LAKE

FISHING LAKE

GREENWAY TRAILS

PARKING

ENTRANCE

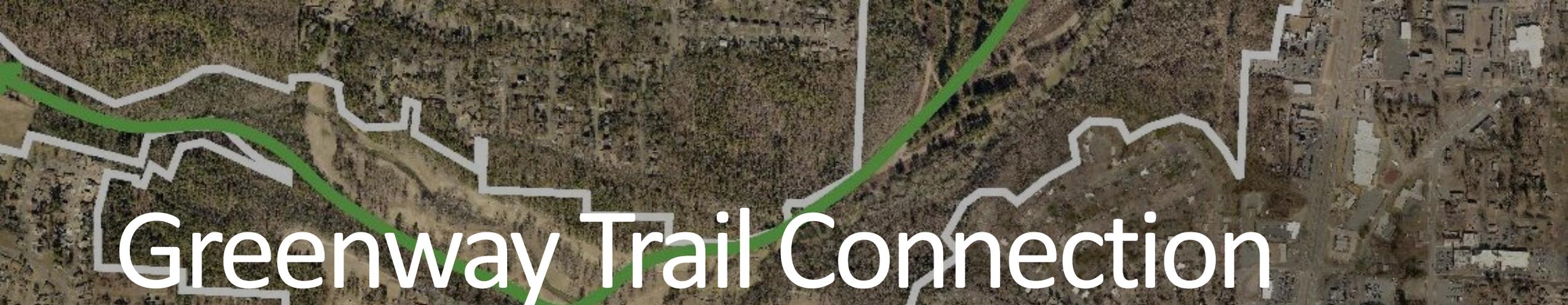
PICNIC AREAS

BOARDWALK TRAIL

NATURE LEARNING AREA

OPEN SPACE

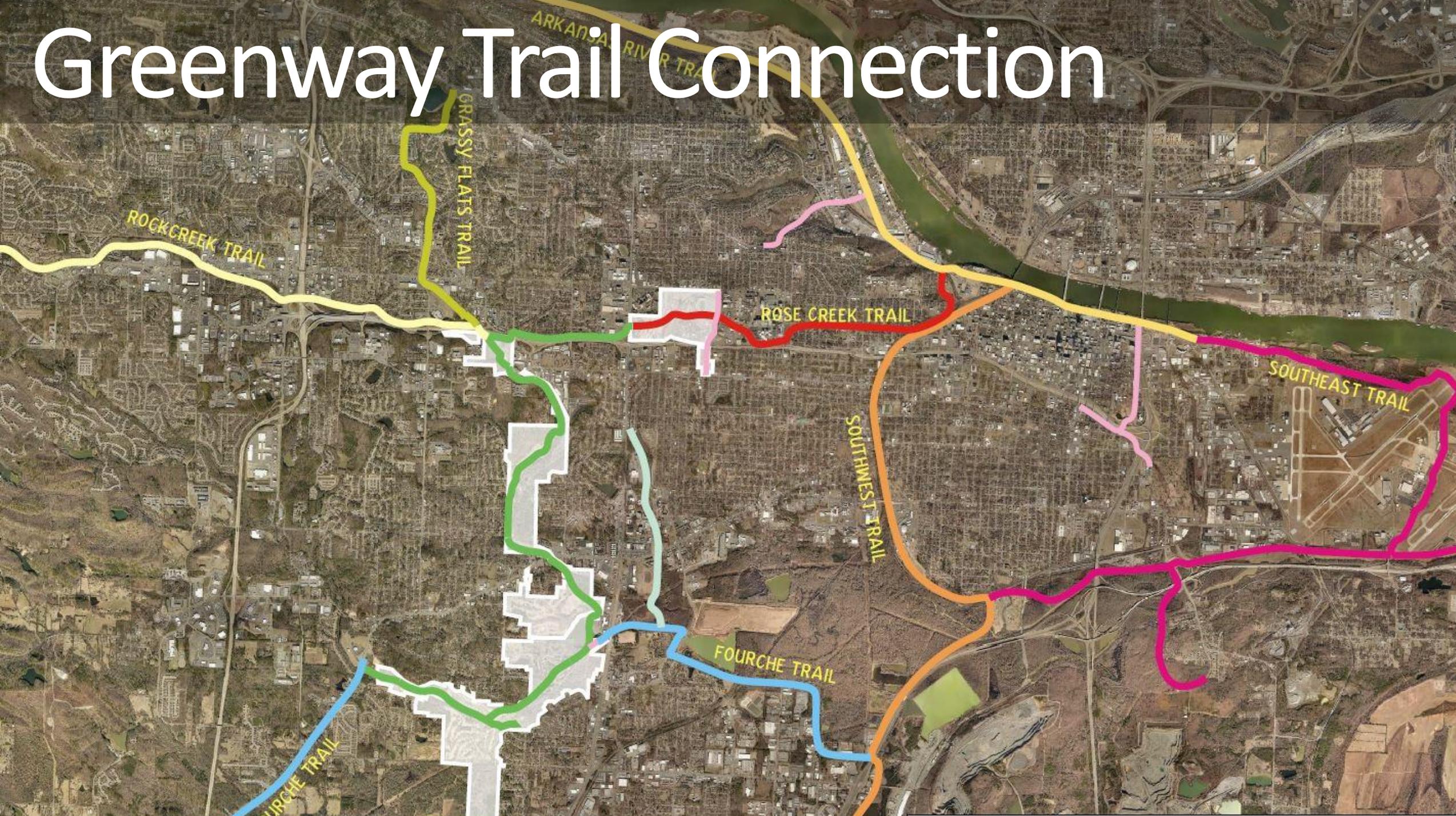
FOURCHE CREEK WATER TRAILS



Greenway Trail Connection

- *Developing connections between War Memorial and Hindman Parks offers an incredible opportunity to change the landscape of Little Rock*
- *The Greenway Trail system could connect Hindman Park to War Memorial Park through pre-existing park land*
- *Could include walking trails, biking trails, and possibly even waterway access*
- *Collaboration with Rock Region Metro could ensure that a Greenway Trail system allows citizens with limited mobility and access to traverse our city parks*

Greenway Trail Connection





Funding

- The revitalization of the parks will take time and multiple funding sources.
- Each planning goal committee will need to be addressed separately and funding source identified for that specific goal.
- Execution will require a phased approach which should be revisited as the use and direction of the park evolves.
- Use public money for the major improvements.
- Use public/private partnerships to build/create active programmed spaces.
- Use revenue generated by programming and rentals to maintain the park
- Use grants and donors to provide specific improvements



Conclusion

- *Will require new strategies, new funding streams, and new collaborations with various stakeholders*
- *Revisioning War Memorial and Hindman Parks requires major investment and further development and expertise are required*
- *Any development must include a more robust community engagement strategy to ensure all voices are heard and respected*
- *War Memorial currently has land easements throughout the golf course - Some concepts proposed would require a renegotiation of that agreement*
- *Any changes to park land will need to be made in close collaboration with Arkansas Parks and Tourism*
- *Opportunities for development of War Memorial Stadium*